

Looking ahead to 1996

The IEEE GaAs IC Symposium has come around again and this year it's in sunnier climes than last — San Diego. This is a popular venue for III-V meetings having been the locale for ISCS last year and will be for MANTECH96. This issue contains our usual special tribute to one of the larger gatherings of III-V vendors under a single roof: GaAs IC Tech. We also take time to update you on recent appointments and re-appointments here at the TFR offices.

The issue also features a second report from IPRM95; this time from the viewpoint of a "spouse". This is the first time we have published such a perspective and it throws an interesting light on the proceedings. Sadly, we were guilty of a major blunder in our first report. Overnight someone switched the photo's around — whilst I am sure that everyone saw this as an obvious error, I profusely apologise to all concerned.

Ends meet

Apart from IPRM, however, this issue leans away from meeting reports and more towards technical or business features. Nevertheless, with a profusion of important meetings clustered at this end of the year you can rely on extensive coverage next issue. I do hope that everyone — delegates and the less-fortunate — finds the timely reviews useful. Given that it sometimes takes a year for proceedings to appear, and that little of the other aspects of the meeting get reported, our prompt publication is in everyone's interest.

We begin our coverage of 1996 meetings in the Diary section. Once again, I think that TFR proves itself very useful by drawing attention to as many related meetings as possible in good enough time — I note that most other publications for whatever reason chose to look only about a month ahead.

Invites & appointments

At this juncture I think that I should re-iterate my invitation to all meetings organizers to take full advantage of our Diary pages — and possibly our meetings advertising opportunities. We would like to help as much as possible in promoting your meeting so send your details by fax or email and we will do the rest. Obviously, we are happy to announce Call for Papers etc and re-promote the meeting as the sequence unfolds.

On the subject of meetings, we have recently published our 1996 Media Pack which details our schedule of editorial coverage and meeting distribution for next year — this is reproduced in part on page 58 of this issue. If you haven't received your copy then please drop a fax to

Mervyn Patterson, our Advertising Sales Manager.

By now you will have realised that Mervyn is our full-time international sales manager and many of you will have the opportunity to meet the man in person at GaAs IC Tech. Captain Patterson will be our guide as we navigate the good ship "35 Review" around San Diego harbour entertaining invited guests. Incidentally, any reference to three-five being Mervyn's age is pure speculation!

Bringing us completely up to strength is Mr David Finch who joins as Assistant Editor — David will also be a travelling representative for TFR from now on and be there in the office to field editorial enquiries and so on.

Second edition

At GaAs IC Tech we will also be formally announcing the publication of the second edition of the report "GaAs Electronic Materials & Devices — A Strategic Study of Markets, Technologies & Companies Worldwide" authored by Simon Lande of Magus Research. This publication did very well on its first edition last year and we look forward to extracting from the revised and expanded edition in due course here in TFR.

That covers just about all of the news from the offices of III-Vs Review for the moment. Before I sign off once again, I would like to extend the invitation to would-be authors out there who would like to contribute to the magazine in 1996. For example, you may not be aware that in these austere times we have an editorial budget from which we can help subsidise would-be authors trips to conferences etc. In return for a thorough meeting or visit report we are able to consider the provision of a part-funding contribution to your travel etc.

Writing for TFR

If you are interested in writing for TFR on any of the topics in our 1996 schedule (or have other suggestions) then please send a short outline of your proposal by fax or email. As always we look forward to hearing from you.

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